GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in tribal/hill/desert areas that have been electrified so far;

(b) the number of villages in such areas yet to be electrified; and

(c) the time by which these villages are likely to electrified?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : According to Central Electricity Authority(CEA),out of the total number of 115088 tribal villages in the country, 81437 (Provisional) tribal villages have been electrified by the end of February, 2000, leaving 33651 number of tribal villages to be electrified.

(c) : Many of the tribal villages remaining to be electrified are in remote and inaccessible areas. The time frame for complete electrification of the tribal villages in the country would largely depend upon the availability of financial resources for creating required infrastructure and availability of power in the States. Recently, Government have approved an Interest Subsidy Scheme for electrification of Tribal Villages and Dalit Bastis.

Interest subsidy amounting to Rs. 16.67 crores shall be given on loans given by REC to SEBs for electrification of 415 Tribal Villages and 2440 Dalit Bastis during 2000-2001. In addition, a Group of Ministers has also been set up to examine various issues relating to electrification of tribal villages, dalit bastis and other weaker sections.